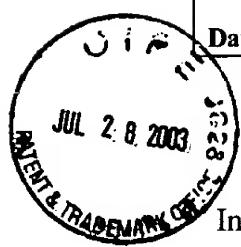


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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a one three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2003 to thereby extend the period for response from June 24, 2003 to July 24, 2003. Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the fee associated with such an extension of time. If any additional fee is required, please accept this as authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1631. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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